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- a) sequences natively associated with, and that drive expression in, DNA coding for maize Jip1 (jasmonate induced protein1);
 - b) the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - c) a sequence comprising a functional fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. (Twice Amended) An isolated promoter that drives transcription in a seed-preferred manner, wherein said promoter comprises a nucleotide sequence natively associated with, and that drives expression in, DNA coding for maize Jip1.

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6. (Twice Amended) An isolated promoter that drives transcription in a seed-preferred manner, wherein said promoter comprises a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

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21. (Twice Amended) An expression cassette comprising a promoter and a first nucleotide sequence operably linked to the promoter, wherein the promoter initiates seed-preferred transcription of the first nucleotide sequence in a plant cell, wherein the promoter comprises a second nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;
- b) a sequence comprising a functional fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- c) a nucleotide sequence natively associated with, and that drives expression in, DNA coding for maize Jip1 (jasmonate-induced protein).

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B4 40. (Amended) The expression cassette of claim 21, wherein the promoter comprises a nucleotide sequence natively associated with, and that drives expression in, DNA coding for maize Jip1 (jasmonate-induced protein).

41. (Amended) The expression cassette of claim 21, wherein the promoter comprises the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

[Please add new claims 44 and 45 as follows:]

B5 -44. An isolated promoter that drives transcription in a seed-preferred manner, wherein said promoter comprises a functional fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

45. The expression cassette of claim 21, wherein the promoter comprises a functional fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.-
